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STR FOR ACTION

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: BRASILIAN GATT REFORM PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 83440

1. ON APRIL 7 MTN DEL ADVISED AMB MACIEL (BRAZIL) THAT HE COULD EXPECT A US RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER OF MARCH 18 IN NEAR FUTURE. WE ALSO SAID US WOULD WELCOME ANY PRECISION MACIEL COULD PROVIDE AS TO IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICULAR GATT ARTICLES BRAZIL WANTED ADRESSED IN CONTEXT OF BRAZILIAN REFORM PROPOSAL. MACIEL SAID HE WOULD GIVE US A LIST VERY SHORTLY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, MACIEL ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASKED DG LONG TO CONVEN 7 PLUS 7 (WHICH LONG HAS SCHEDULED

FOR APRIL 26). WHEN WE ASKED WHY, HE SAID
BRAZIL WANTED TO SEE SOME MOVEMENT ON ITS
PROPOSAL; GOB RECOGNIZED HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK
OUT A CONSENSUS TO PERMIT AN MTN REFORM GROUP TO BE
LAUNCHED. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ADDED IT DID NOT RPT
NOT NOW SEEM LIKELY THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AS
EARLY AS JULY AND HE ACCORDINGLY THOUGHT ACTION BY TNC
IN DEC WOULD BE MORE REALISTIC.

3. COMMENT. BRAZIL HAS MADE IT CLEAR IN GENEVA THAT ITS
GATT REFORM INITIATIVE WOULD DEAL WITH ONLY PART OF A
LARGER UNDERTAKING ON NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS UNDER UNGA
AUSPICES, A POINT WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE COOL INITIAL
RECEPTION BY SEVERAL GATT/MTN PARTICIPANTS. BRAZIL'S
N-S INITIATIVE AT GA LAST YEAR APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A DUD.
PERHAPS BRASILIA THINKS A YEAR'S REFLECTION BY GA DELEGATES
(ESPECIALLY G-77) PLUS UNCTAD IV NEXT MONTH, PLUS UNCERTAIN
RESULTS OF CIEC, PLUS NO QUICK ACTION BY MTN ON GATT REFORM
MAY ALL ADD UP TO MUCH MORE SUPPORT BY G-77 AT NEXT UNGA
TO PUSH THROUGH A UN ACTION PROGRAM ALONG LINES OF BRAZIL'S
NORTH-SOUTH INITIATIVE. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE BRAZIL (OR
MACIEL) MAY HOPE US (AND OTHER MAJOR DC'S) WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY
CONCERNED ABOUT THIS KIND OF SCENARIO BUILDING
TOWARD PRESSURE AT UNGA TO INDUCE US TO MOVE AHEAD MORE
RAPIDLY TO ESTABLISH A GATT REFORM NEGOTIATING GROUP SO AS
TO HEAD OFF UNGA IMPINGING ON MTN ACTIVITIES. FOREGOING IS
ADMITTEDLY A SPECULATIVE INTERPRETATION OF WHAT MACIEL SAID.
ON THE FACE OF IT, HE HAS SIGNALLED THE HEAT IS OFF AT LEAST
TEMPORARILY BUT MTN DEL NOT ENTIRELY SURE THIS IS THE CASE.
BRASILIA AND USUN COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOME. WALKER

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